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I.

Most true it is, I dare to say,
E'er since the days of Eve,
The weakest woman sometimes may
The wisest man deceive.

II.

For Davenant circumspect, sedate,
A Machiavel by trade,
Arriv'd express, with news of weight,
And thus, at court, he said.

III

At Godliman, heard by the Bull,
A woman long thought barren,
Bears rabbits, ...Gad! so plentiful,
You'd take her for a warren.

IV

These eyes, quoth he, beheld them clear:
What; do ye doubt my view?
Behold this narrative that's here;
Why, Zounds! and Blood! 'Tis true.

V

Some said that Douglas sent should be
Some talk'd of Walkers merit
But most held, in this midwifery,
No doctor like a ferret.

VI

But Molineux, who heard this told,
(Right wary he and wise)
Cry'd sagely, 'Tis not safe, I hold,
To trust to Duvenants eyes.

VII

A vow to God he then did make
He would himself go down,
St André too, the scale to take
Of that Phenomenon.

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VIII.

He order'd then his coach and four;
(The coach was quickly got 'em)
Resolv'd this secret to explore,
And search it to the Bottom.

IX

At Godliman they now arrive,
For haste they made exceeding;
As courtiers should, whene'er they strive
To be inform'd of Breeding.

X

The good wife to the surgeon sent,
And said to him, Good neighbour,
'Tis pity that two squires so gent—
Should come and lose their labour.

XI

The surgeon with a rabbit came,
But first in pieces cut it;
Then slyly thrust it up that same,
As far as man could put it.

XII

(Ye Guildford Inn keepers take heed
You dress not such a rabbit,
Ye Poult'rers eke, destroy the breed,
'Tis so unsav'ry a bit.

XIII

But hold! says Molly, first let's try,
Now that her legs are ope,
If ought within we may descry.
By help of telescope.

XIV

The instrument himself did make,
He rais'd and level'd right,
But all about was so opake,
It could not aid his sight.

XV.

On tiptoe then the squire he stood,
(But first he gave her money)
Then reach'd as high as eer he cou'd
And cry'd, I feel a Coney.

XVI.

Is it alive? St Andre cry'd;
It is; I feel it stir.
Is it full grown? the squire reply'd;
It is; see here's the fur.

XVII.

And now two legs St Andre got,
And then came two legs more;
Now fell the head to Mollys lot,
And so the work was o'er.

XVIII

The woman, thus being brought to bed,
Said, to reward your pains,
St Andre shall dissect the head,
And thou shalt have the brains.

XIX

He lapp'd it in a linnen Rag,
Then thank'd her for her kindness;
And cram'd it in the velvet bag
That serves his royal highness

XX

That bag... which Jenny, wanton slut,
First brought to foul disgrace;
Stealing the papers thence she put
Veal cutlets in their place.

XXI

O! happy would it be, I ween,
Could they these rabbits smother;
Molly had ne'er a midwife been,
Nor she a shameful mother.

XXII

Why has the proverb falsely said
Better two heads than one;
Could Molly hide this rabbits head,
He still might shew his own.

FINIS.